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SUBJECT: US/SOVIET LECTURER EXCHANGE

STATE FOR CU/EE, EUR/SOV; LENINGRAD FOR P&C; USIA FOR IEE

1. P&C COUNSELOR CALLED ON MHE BAZHANOV TO DISCUSS LATENESS OF SOVIET SUBMISSION OF REQUESTS AND MORE GENERAL ASPECTS OF PROGRAM. AT MEETING SOVIETS PRODUCED REQUESTS FOR SEVEN US LECTURERS AND NOMINATIONS FOR FIVE SOVIET LECTURERS IN RESPONSE US REQUESTS. BAZHANOV PROMISED BOTH MORE REQUESTS (SPECIFICALLY FROM LENINGRAD UNIVERSITY) AND NOMINATIONS WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

2. DISCUSSING MORE GENERAL ASPECTS OF EXCHANGE BAZHANOV NOTED THAT TWO PRINCIPAL DIFFICULTIES FACING SOVIETS CONCERN HOUSING FOR US LECTURERS WITH FAMILIES AND DIFFICULTY IN RECRUITING FIRST RANK SOVIET LECTURERS WHO SPEAK ENGLISH WELL ENOUGH. BAZHANOV SAID IT EASY TO HANDLE LECTURERS WITHOUT FAMILIES FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME BY HOUSING THEM IN HOTELS. HOWEVER, LECTURERS WITH MORE EXTENSIVE HOUSING NEEDS OFTEN GIVE INTERESTED UNIVERSITY PAUSE BECAUSE SUCH HOUSING EXTREMELY SCARCE. LENINGRAD WAS MENTIONED AS CASE IN POINT. RECRUITMENT OF QUALIFIED SOVIET LECTURERS MADE DIFFICULT BECAUSE MANY SOVIET SCHOLARS WHO SPEAK ENGLISH ADEQUATELY FOR CONVERSATIONAL NEEDS OFTEN DOUBTFUL THAT THEY CAN HANDLE LANGUAGE WELL ENOUGH TO MEET  
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MORE RIGOROUS DEMANDS OF LECTURING IN THEIR ACADEMIC FIELDS.

BAZHANOV POINTED OUT THAT NATURALLY SOVIET LECTURERS WHO WISH TO PRESENT BEST POSSIBLE ASPECT OF THEMSELVES TO FOREIGN SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS OFTEN RELUCTANT TO SUBMIT THEIR LANGUAGE ABILITY TO THIS TEST.

3. SOVIET REQUESTS AND NOMINATIONS WILL BE SUBJECTS OF SEPTELS. EMBASSY WILL ALSO SEND IN NEXT POUCH COPIES REQUESTS AND NOMINATIONS.  
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